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24 February 1976

Mr. Russell D. Martin  
Chairman, Parade Formation Committee  
American Legion Carroll Post No. 31  
Westminster, Maryland

Dear Mr. Martin:

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation to participate in the 109th commemoration of Memorial Day by the Westminster American Legion Carroll Post No. 31. I regret that I am already committed for other ceremonies on 31 May 1976, but I am most grateful to you for thinking of me. I would have been proud to participate in this historic event.

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters  
Lieutenant General, USA

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Dear General Walters,

After your excellent speech at our Savanis Conference at the Shoreham on Jan. 25, my wife and I came to the speakers table and met you. I told you that we appreciated your speech and I asked if you went out on speaking engagements such as a memorial day program. You replied "Yes sir!" so I took the liberty of presenting your name and a critique of your talk to our Memorial Day Committee. They immediately put your name at the top of the list and so the enclosed request came out of that.

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I hope it will suit you to accept.  
We have preserved something  
here in Westminster that many  
other communities have lost. Our  
format has changed very little  
since I was a boy following  
the bands to the cemetery.  
It is still old and quaint but it  
is our community's day of Americanism.  
We furnished a company of men to  
the 29th Infantry Division in WW II  
so five years of service is not  
uncommon around here. The VFW  
and American Legion are important  
organizations in our town.

Sincerely

Russell Martin

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THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND  
CARROLL POST NO. 31  
WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF

CLUB HOUSE  
LEGION SQUARE

February 6, 1976

General Vernon A. Walters  
Deputy Director C.I.A.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Walters:

The Memorial Day Committee of Carroll Post #31 American Legion would like to extend our invitation to be the speaker for our 109th commemoration. Our observance of this day has continued each year since 1867.

We begin with a parade that forms at 9:00 A.M. and moves at 10:00 A.M. The line of march is through the Main Street of our town to our cemetery. The program at the cemetery usually follows the enclosed 1975 format.

We would be very pleased to have you participate in our parade. A car will be provided for you to ride in the 1st Section. Should you come in uniform, and should you care to march, we would be delighted to have you march with the reserve and retired officers of our community in the leading element of the 1st Section.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours very truly,

*Atlee W. Wampler, Jr.*  
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Parade Marshal

Russell D. Martin

*Russell D. Martin*  
Chairman Parade Formation  
Committee



## 108th MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1975

AT WESTMINSTER CEMETERY, FOLLOWING PARADE AT 10:00 A. M.

### P R O G R A M

INVOCATION .....	Rev. Joseph C. Antoszewski, Pastor, St. John Catholic Church
AMERICA .....	Sung by Audience and Accompanied by William F. Myers & Sons Band, under direction of Glenn W. Patterson
PRESENTATION BY GOLD STAR MOTHERS .....	Mrs. Katherine H. Haines, President, Carroll County Chapter, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS .....	A. Scott Hollinger, Westminster Senior High School
PLACING OF CITY WREATH .....	Mayor Leroy L. Conaway
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .....	By Commander Norman G. Bohn, Carroll Post #31, The American Legion
MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS .....	Hon. J. Glenn Beall, Jr., United States Senator from Maryland
BENEDICTION .....	Rev. Robert G. Kidd, Assistant Pastor, Grace Lutheran Church
NATIONAL ANTHEM .....	Sung by Milford Smith, (Sr. Vice Commander,) VFW Post #467 accompanied by Westminster Municipal Band under direction of Glenn B. Markle
FIRING SQUAD .....	Molleville Farm Post #467, Veterans of Foreign Wars
TAPS AND ECHO .....	William F. Myers & Sons Band

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